WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

Common forms of yard waste include:

- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Branches
- Weeds
- Pet Waste



Learn More!

Visit the following City resources:

www.coloradosprings.gov/thinkoutsidethelawn?mlid=6336

https://coloradosprings.gov/ waterresources

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

- Leave your grass clippings on your lawn. This can add valuable nutrients.
- Compost on your property. A compost bin can receive both yard waste and food waste.
- Mulch your garden with grass clippings and leaves.
- Dispose of pet waste in the garbage, do not compost pet waste.
- Take yard waste to a local recycling facility.
- Contact your waste service provider to see what materials they accept.
- Use phosphorous-free fertilizer to prevent algae growth in our waterways.



WHY SHOULD I CARE?



- Improper disposal of yard waste can clog storm drains and lead to flooding.
- Dumping yard waste in a drainage channel can change the drainage path and lead to flooding.
- Dry, brittle yard waste that is dumped along our drainage ways can pose a fire hazard.
- Yard waste with high levels of nitrogen and phosphorous fertilizers can contribute to eutrophication—reducing available oxygen in the waterbody and affecting aquatic life.
- Illegal dumping is against the law and you could be fined.

STORMWATER NEEDS YOU... MORE WAYS TO HELP:

There are many ways to help protect the water in our community as well as for those downstream. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Prevent pollution, remember: *Only Rain Down the Drain!*
- Monitor your curb/catch basin or ditch by removing sand, grass clippings, debris and litter
- Pick up after your pet



- Use the right amount of fertilizer at the right time (not before a rain storm!)
- Wash your car at a commercial carwash or on the lawn with environmentally-friendly soap, not on a hard surface
- Dispose of hazardous materials properly
- Maintain your vehicles to prevent leaks
- Sweep grass clippings back onto the lawn, or compost them
- Put trash, including cigarette butts, in its place...not in a creek or storm drain.

RESOURCES

Call first for a list of accepted materials, business hours, and fees.

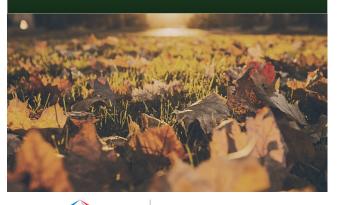
- Rocky Top Resources
 1755 E. Las Vegas St.
 Colorado Springs, CO 80903
 719-579-9103
- ◆ Rocky Mountain Disposal 1330 S Royer St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903 719-492-2050
- Junk King
 2938 Janitell Rd.
 Colorado Springs, CO 80906
 888-888-5865
- Bestway Disposal
 650 Santa Fe St.
 Colorado Springs, CO 80903



Report Spills & Dumping For Clean Waterways

Report spills or dumping to the Spill Hotline 719-491-6096

Managing Yard Waste & Landscape Debris



WATER RESOURCES



Think Outside the Lawn For Clean Waterways

719-385-5980 https://coloradosprings.gov/stormwater